

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Title 14 Natural Resources
Division 2. Department of Conservation
Chapter 5. Division of Recycling

The Department of Conservation (Department) proposes to amend sections of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). Proposed permanent amendments to the CCR are necessary to clarify payment by count options for consumers and payment by count requirements for recycling centers. The Department proposes to amend Sections 2500 and 2535.

SUBCHAPTER 6. RECYCLING CENTERS

Article 1. Requirements for Recycling Centers

Section 2500

Subsection 2500(e)(1): This deletion is necessary due to the addition of new Subsection 2500(e)(3).

Subsection 2500(e)(2): This amendment is necessary to clarify, for consumers and recycling center operators, that consumers may be paid refund value, by count, for each plastic resin type.

Subsection 2500(e)(2)(B): This amendment is necessary due to the addition of new Subsection 2500(e)(3).

New Subsection 2500(e)(3): The addition of this subsection is necessary to require that recycling center operators post a "NOTICE OF PAYMENT BY COUNT" sign. This sign will notify consumers of their option of payment by count for deliveries of up to fifty empty beverage containers of each material type. In addition, requiring the "NOTICE OF PAYMENT BY COUNT" sign to include "For more information, call 1-800-RECYCLE (732-9253)" will direct all questions or concerns regarding the beverage container recycling program to the appropriate Division contact.

New Figure 9.3: The addition of this figure is necessary for consistency with the signage requirements for recycling centers in Section 2500(e)(3).

Subsection 2500 Reference: This amendment is necessary to include Section 14552(a) of the Act as a reference.

Article 3. Accounting and Reporting Requirements

Section 2535

Subsection 2535(b)(1): This amendment is necessary in order to end confusion among recycling center operators and clarify the consumers payment by count option of “up to fifty empty beverage containers of each material type.” The addition of “[each resin type]” to the plastic “material type” reference will further clarify that consumers have the option of payment by count for each plastic resin type and is consistent with current payment of refund value for empty plastic beverage containers.